

1999 Committee Activity Plans for STD Prevention Partnership

Program Committee

1. **Support the National Organization Sexual Health Conversation Project.** This project aims to: increase the salience of sexual health-related issues in national organizations that are concerned about persons at high risk for adverse health consequences of unprotected sex (e.g., STDs, HIV, unplanned pregnancy); initiate an effort to change organizational norms related to sexual health among national organizations that belong to the STD Prevention Partnership; and test the likelihood that a national partnership can catalyze organizational norm change among its individual members. (*Funding from Ford Foundation and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*)
2. **Support the Local STD Prevention Action Collaboratives Project.** The goal of the Local STD Prevention Action Collaboratives is to promote partnerships between community-based organizations and health departments, with an emphasis on innovative interventions. Community organizations (to be selected during winter of 2000) will be directly funded to reach populations most severely impacted by STDs and their consequences, including women, adolescents, and minority populations. (*Funding from Ford Foundation*)
3. **Promote enhanced communication about STDs between young female patients and their clinicians through tear-off pads easily available to patients near or in health care settings.** A small tear-off pad will include brief information about STDs that is intended to prompt patients to ask their clinician about STDs. These pads are intended to be placed in strategic locations (e.g., bathrooms, waiting areas, exam rooms) where patients have some privacy.
4. **Increase the understanding of the connection between spirituality and STD prevention, especially among health care providers.** This project is intended to help promote the concept that spirituality, also interpreted as what a person *believes in*, is a critical component of STD prevention efforts and can often be a barrier to treatment compliance and behavior change.

Public Affairs Committee

1. **Enhance communication about Partnership member STD-related activities through a quarterly newsletter on the Partnership ListServe.** Four organizations will be chosen to spotlight each quarter.
2. **Establish a website on the STD Prevention Partnership** to be updated on a regular basis.

3. **Promote STD-specific presentations at professional meetings of Partnership member organizational meetings and conferences.**
4. **Re-examine existing information dissemination mechanisms to determine their usefulness and feasibility.** These include the **STD FACTLINE** (a one-page summary of an STD-related peer review journal article) and **Position Statements** on various STD-related topics.